the apex bodies of cooperative and private sugar factories *viz.*, National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd. and Indian Sugar Mills Association, have approached the Central Government requesting creation of buffer stock of about 2 million tons.

(b) The retail price of sugar in the open market which were in the range of Rs. 17.00 to 21.00 per Kg. in December, 2005, increased to Rs. 20.00 to 23.00 per Kg. in the month of May, 2006. In order to check the rise in prices, the Government had imposed ban on export of sugar with effect from 22nd June, 2006 *vide* notification dated 4th July, 2006. In view of the estimated higher production of sugar in 2006-07 sugar season the Government *vide* notification dated 3rd January, 2007 relaxed ban on export of sugar and allowed export against advance licenses. The Government has further relaxed the ban and has allowed export of sugar under OGL *vide* notification dated 23rd January, 2007.

(c) No State Government has requested the Central Government to impose stock holding/turn over limits on sugar traders.

Use of CWC godowns for foodgrain storage in Andhra Pradesh

2005. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has received representations from trade unions of Tallepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh to use the Central Warehousing Corporation godowns for foodgrain storage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India could utilize the C.W.C. godowns partially; and

(d) the steps proposed by the F.C.I. to utilize godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India has received representations from trade unions of Tallepalligudem in Andhra Pradesh to use the Central Warehousing Corporation godowns for foodgrains storage.

(c) and (d) In Revenue District West Godawari at Tallepalligudam, the FCI has godown of capacity of 9200 MTs. At Nawabapalem (TPGM) FCI

has hired 50,000 MTs godown from State Warehousing Corporation under Seven Year Guarantee Scheme (SYGS). Due to depletion of stocks level, percentage utilization of godown capacity has ranged from 10% to 54% as per details given below:—

Period	Tallepalligudam owned godown (Capacity 9,200 MTs)		Nawabapalem (TPGM) SYGS godown (Capacity 50,000 MTs)	
	Stocks (in MTs)	% Utilization	Stocks (in MTs)	% Utilization
30.09.2005	910	10	7720	15
31.12.2005	3580	39	5680	11
31.03.2006	970	11	1920	4
30.06.2006	4730	51	7730	15
30.09.2006	Nil	0	16370	33
31.12.2006	4970	54	21820	44

However, the General Managers (Region) have been empowered to hire the Central Warehousing Godowns if need arises.

Commodities notified by the Central Excise Act

2006. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1220 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 2006 and state:

(a) the list of commodities that have been notified by the amendment of the Central Excise Act, 1944;

(b) the basis for identification of such commodities; and

(c) the commodities left out and how Government propose to deal with the menace of putting exorbitant MRP in order to circumvent the law more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The list of commodities notified for MRP based valuation as per Third schedule of the Central Excise act is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Commodities are identified for MRP based valuation, based on inputs received from field formations. This is being supplemented by a sustained consumer awareness campaign.